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## Palm Beach Plaza honors Aruba's world champion ballplayer with a night of fun and fancy



Palm Beach Plaza Manager Alex Ottospeer(at right) with team's coaches and manager

The young men of the moment on Aruba, and deservedly so, are the 15 and 16 year olds of Aruba's Senior League Baseball team, the eldest division of the International Little League, who won the title of World Champions at the Senior League World Series in Ban-

gor, Maine just a little over a week ago.

Since returning home to a hero's welcome, the 14 players and their coaches have been feted from one end of the island to the other, but they all agreed that this past Saturday evening had to be one of the

most fun and exciting of the various victory parties.

The evening out was a collaboration between Aruba's Minister of Public Health, Sports and Drugs, Richard Visser, and the management of Palm Beach Plaza, allowing the ebullient young men to avail themselves of the numerous entertaining pastimes the new shopping mall now offers.

They started out at the Dream Bowl, which had opened only one week prior, where they could show their power on the alleys, enjoy a selection of snacks, and try out some other amusements offered in Aruba's first black light bowling facility.

It was then on to the distractions of Fun City and the Laser Tag Room, followed by a welcome from various restaurants in the food court. Churromania, Scieu Scieu, Bon Chicken and Aladdin Shoarma Express treated the players to a diverse feast, allowing them to refuel and continue their odyssey through the many venues participating in the night's event.

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### ANNOUNCEMENT

The Aruba Police Force announces that they have received a package of application forms for driving license renewal.

As of today, August 30, everyone who needs to apply for a driving license renewal can pass at the Driving License office at Santa Cruz.

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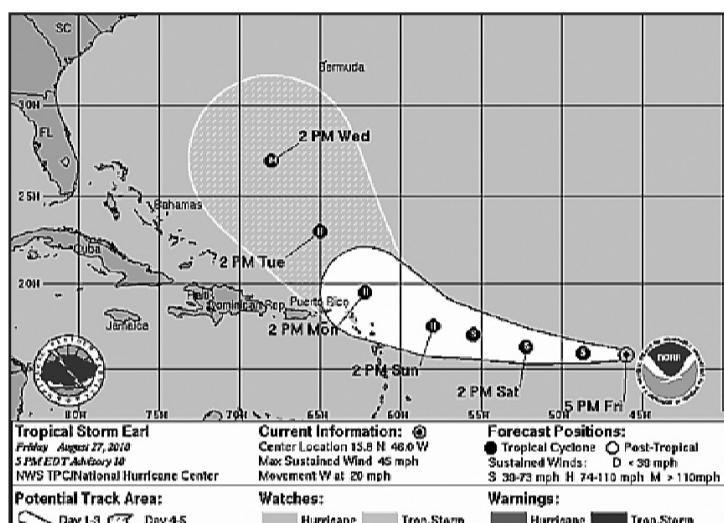
## Earl becomes hurricane, reaches Antigua

Miami, Florida-- Forecast to gain "major" Category 3 status, Hurricane Earl were affecting the islands of Antigua and Barbuda yesterday, with conditions forecast to deteriorate, the National Hurricane Center said.

Earl became a Category 1 hurricane on Sunday. Yesterday its center was about 150 miles (245 kilometers) east of Antigua and about 240 miles (385 kilometers) east of St. Martin. Its maximum sustained winds had increased slightly to 85 mph (140 kph) and higher gusts, and the storm was heading west-northwest at near 14 mph (22 kph).

The center of Earl is forecast to pass near or over the northern Leeward Islands Sunday night and today, the center said.

A hurricane warning was in effect for Antigua, Barbuda, Montserrat, St. Kitts, Nevis, Anguilla, St. Martin, St. Barthelemy, Saba and St.



Eustatius. Yesterday the government of Antigua and Barbuda also had added the British Virgin Islands to the warning, forecasters said. A hurricane watch and a tropical storm warning was in effect for the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, including the islands of Culebra and Vieques.

Tropical storm-force conditions were in effect yesterday evening, with hurricane conditions expected early today, forecasters said. Tropical storm conditions were

expected to spread across the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico today, with hurricane conditions possibly tonight.

"Strengthening is expected during the next 48 hours, and Earl is forecast to become a major hurricane by tomorrow," forecasters said.

Earl was forecast to turn west-northwest and slow down over the next day. Tracking maps show it moving northward away from the Caribbean and possibly affecting the U.S. East Coast by Friday.

## Drilling rescue shaft for trapped miners to start today

SANTIAGO, Chile (AFP) — Workers will begin drilling a rescue shaft for 33 miners trapped deep underground in northern Chile early today, the engineer in charge of the rescue operation said.

"The drilling machine is being installed... we expect to start working with it this morning," Andre Sougarret told AFP.

"The shaft we're drilling to the shelter will go down 702 meters (2,303 feet) in a straight line," he added, referring to the hot and damp space where the men have been huddled for over three weeks.

He said the drilling opera-

tion was expected to last three to four months, in line with previous estimates.

The rescue shaft will be 66 centimeters (26 inches) wide -- the same as a bicycle wheel -- allowing the miners to be pulled one at a time.

The miners will have to aid their own escape — clearing thousands of tons of rock that will fall as the rescue hole is drilled, the engineer in charge of drilling said yesterday.

The miners have been trapped since an August 5 cave-in at the San Jose gold and copper mine near Copiapo, 800 kilometers (500 miles) north of Santiago.

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## Obama hails New Orleans 'resilience' five years post-Katrina

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana (AFP) - President Barack Obama, marking the fifth anniversary of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans yesterday, praised the city's resilience and pledged support for rebuilding "until the job is done."

He acknowledged that the famed jazz city, where at least 1,500 people died in the storm and its aftermath, was still in need of support, but said community efforts had ensured "New Orleans is blossoming once more."

"Together, we are helping to make New Orleans a place that stands for what we can do in America, not just for what we can't do," he said in a speech at the city's Xavier University.

Obama acknowledged that the storm, which brought waves of water that overcame levees carrying homes and residents away, "was a natural disaster, but also a manmade catastrophe, a shameful breakdown in government."

But he pledged that the region, struggling with the long-

term effects of the tragedy, the economic downturn and, most recently the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, would be able to rely on the administration for support.

"My administration is going to stand with you -- and fight alongside you -- until the job is done," he said.

Long famed for its rich music scene and its easy-going spirit, New Orleans was plunged into chaos on August 29, 2005 when torrents of water broke through barriers and gushed in.

Although 1.4 million residents and visitors were ordered to evacuate as the monster storm approached, many could not or would not and were left stranded.

"New Orleans could have remained a symbol of destruction and decay; of a storm that came and the inadequate response that followed," Obama said yesterday.

"But it's a symbol of resilience, of community, of the fundamental responsibility we have for each other."



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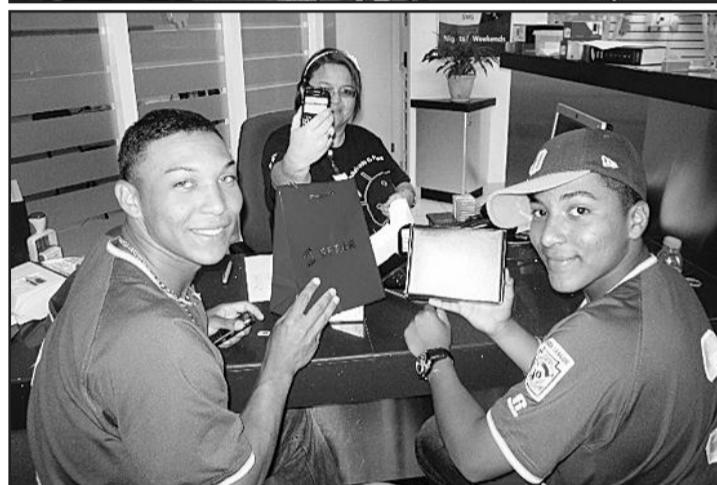
CCTA is active the Caribbean for a few years already and has the support of various companies in the region. The organization holds annual conferences where they collect funds destined for non-profit organizations in the Caribbean that excel in their volunteer work in their community. The donations go to 14 Caribbean charity foundations chosen by members of

## Senior Division World Champions team Aruba receives Blackberry from SETAR



Last Friday, employees of Aruba's telecommunication company, SETAR N.V., received the Senior Division World Champions baseball team Aruba with a warm Bon Bini applause. SETAR N.V. gave all team members a prepaid Blackberry smart phone with a one year data subscription.

SETAR N.V. Director



Roland Croes was also present during the joyous occasion, while SETAR's employees were attending the

**The weekly Bon Bini Festival is tomorrow night!**

ORANJESTAD -- The weekly Bon Bini festival takes place tomorrow night at the Fort Zoutman in Wilhelminstraat. The festival is for tourists and locals to mix and mingle and enjoy a taste of Aruban culture

This week the festival will feature the traditional Aruban Caha d'Orgel. "Nos Ambiente," musical group; "Tico y sus Estrellas," Dance groups; "The Super Dancers," and "Youth in Action," solo singer: "Sharon Rose" and steel band: "Traditional Steel."

MC is Juby Naar

During the festival there will be local food, sweets and handicraft on sale.

Arubus has regularly scheduled bus transport from all hotel areas to Oranjestad's central terminal, which is only a short walk from Fort Zoutman. Round trip bus fare is US\$2.30.

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**Cuba arrests 8 more dissidents**

HAVANA, Cuba (AFP) - Cuban dissidents yesterday accused the government of rounding up more political prisoners -- even as Havana continued freeing dozens of detained activists in a deal reached last month with Catholic leaders and Spain.

Activists said three of the newly detained dissidents were being held in Havana, and five others in Guantanamo, in eastern Cuba.



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## Venezuelans protest wave of violence



A hearse with a poster that reads in Spanish 'Who will be the next occupant,' center, and '20,000 deaths, enough already' drives along an avenue during an opposition protest against violence in Caracas.

CARACAS, Venezuela -- "Opponents of President Hugo Chavez marched through Caracas on Saturday to protest against the violence that cost thousands of lives every year in Venezuela and has been getting worse over the past decade.

Protesters banged drums and carried banners with skull and crossbones, while chanting slogans like "Enough!" and "No more deaths."

Journalists estimated the crowd was about 1,500. A hearse passed with the march, with many posters, including one that read: "Who will be the next occupant?"

Venezuela has one of the highest murder rates in Latin America. The government has not released full annual statistics recently, but last year, the authorities said there were over 12,000 murders in the country in the first 11 months of 2009.



## Wild Flowers



Wildflowers



Aloe



Cactus fruit



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Tuna or Prickly Pear flower



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You can always see these and other flowers growing wild in the cunucu; particularly soon after a good shower. Long, sharp thorns are usually the companions of these lovely flowers, to protect them from being eaten by local wildlife, so watch out if you try to pick one, you may get a nasty surprise!

**Editor's note:** "Ban Kairo" is Papiamento for "let's go tripping in the cunucu!" Madi conducts her tours seven days a week in a single range rover type all terrain vehicle. She takes a max of nine passengers, and offers trips to the Natural Pool and other areas of Aruba that can only be reached with a sturdy 4x4 and, most importantly, a knowledgeable guide who knows her way.

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be found on various cacti, such as the aloe, prickly pear, bushi or cadushi, which will eventually result in a tasty fruit, another good reason to welcome some rainfall! Most could be considered weeds, like the vines of the beautiful shoshoro, better known as passion fruit flowers. The morning sun will make them unfold their petals, to display a complex and varied bloom.

The dama di anochi does they exact opposite, it hides during the day and only shows its beauty under the light of the moon.

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## Palm Beach Plaza honors...

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**Minister Richard Visser with the team**

Mimo's, Candyland and Jewels in Paradise also wished to express their pride in the youngsters who have brought home the World Champion title to Aruba for the first time, and Birkenstock shoe store provided the grand finale with a special gift for each team member.

Palm Beach Plaza General Manager Alex Ottospeer expressed what an honor it was for the mall owners and all shopkeepers to host Aruba's champion ballplayers. "These

boys worked hard and dedicated themselves to being the best they can be, setting a wonderful example for all island youth. They have shown the world we may be a little island but we have some big talent, and proven to island youngsters that with determination and tenacity, they can be as good as anyone in the world in anything they choose to do. Every vendor was eager to congratulate them on their remarkable achievement."

by Rosalie Klein

## Petition to Ministers for a national Boa constrictor control program



L.-r., Diego Marquez, ecologist at Aruba's Arikok National Park, Minister Benny Sevinger, Minister Otmar Oduber and Greg Peterson of Aruba Birdlife Conservation. Ministers Sevinger and Oduber recently received a photo composition from Marquez and Peterson depicting how the Troupial and the Prikichi are ambushed by the Boa constrictor.

The foundation has been receiving regular signals from the Aruban community that the numbers of birds on the island are rapidly declining.

The main causes are the

huge increase in construction projects during the past few years, leading increased fragmentation of critical habitat and secondly, the presence of

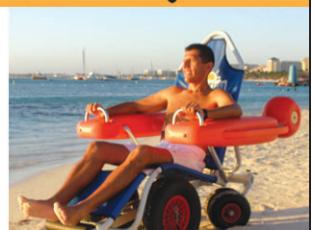
the invasive Boa constrictor. The Ministers were requested to give their cooperation to a national Boa constrictor control program.

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#### CATS & DOGS GALORE 3D

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**NANNY MCPHEE RETURNS (2010) (COMEDY)** - IN THE LATEST INSTALLMENT, NANNY MCPHEE APPEARS AT THE DOOR OF A HARRIED YOUNG MOTHER, MRS. ISABEL GREEN, WHO IS TRYING TO RUN THE FAMILY FARM WHILE HER HUSBAND IS AWAY AT WAR. BUT ONCE SHE'S ARRIVED, NANNY MCPHEE DISCOVERS THAT MRS. GREEN'S CHILDREN ARE FIGHTING A WAR OF THEIR OWN AGAINST TWO SPOILED CITY COUSINS WHO HAVE JUST MOVED IN AND REFUSE TO LEAVE. RELYING ON EVERYTHING FROM A FLYING MOTORCYCLE AND A STATUE THAT COMES TO LIFE TO A TREE-CLIMBING PIGLET AND A BABY ELEPHANT WHO TURNS UP IN THE ODDEST PLACES, NANNY MCPHEE USES HER MAGIC TO TEACH HER MISCHIEVOUS CHARGES FIVE NEW LESSONS.

## Science/Tech Two huge planets discovered

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Astrophysicists using the Kepler space telescope have detected two planets the size of Saturn and a possible third the size of Earth orbiting a distant star, a report published recently said.

The researchers said the two giant planets -- dubbed Kepler 9b and Kepler 9c -- were transiting the star at respective speeds of 19.2 and 38.9 days.

But the speed of their transits increase or decrease by an average of four and 39 minutes respectively, because of the gravitational pull that the planets exert on each other, they reported in the online edition of the Journal Science.

Their gravitational signatures indicate the two planets are the largest bodies orbiting the stars, said Matthew Holman, an astrophysicist at Harvard University and the principal author of the findings.

The findings should enable astronomers to investigate the planets' physical condition.

They also suggest that a third planet, about the size of Earth but more than three times its mass, may also be in an orbit much closer to the star, the report said.

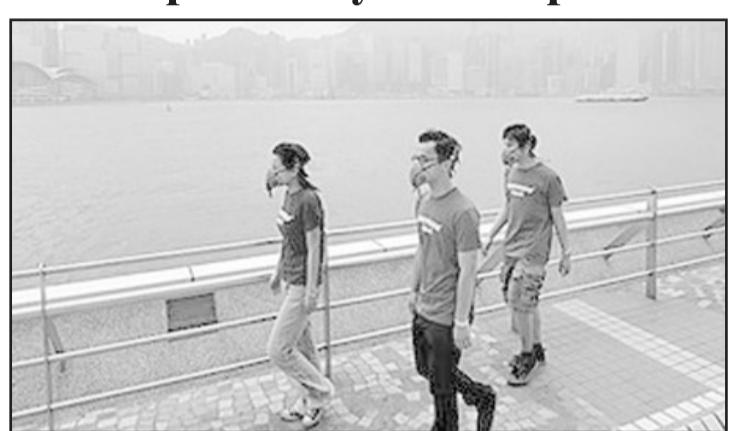
The new solar system discovered by the Kepler telescope is about two thousand light years from Earth. A light year is the equivalent to nearly ten trillion kilometers, or six trillion miles.

Launched in 2009, Kepler, which orbits the Sun, has been used by NASA to look for planets like the Earth orbiting other stars in the Milky Way. At least that is the song that the University of Florida is singing. The school, located in Gainesville, Florida, is offering a two-credit honors course titled, "21st century Skills in Starcraft." The eight-week class "does not teach about Starcraft," but combines weekly gameplay, analysis of recorded matches and "synthesis of real/game-world concepts," to develop workplace skills. Part of the course description for the interdisciplinary honors course reads:

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## China urgently needs to reverse coal dependency: Greenpeace



Greenpeace activists wear respiratory masks while protesting in Hong Kong in March 2010

BEIJING (AFP) — Greenpeace recently said that China "urgently" needed to reduce its dependency on coal, saying the emissions produced by its use posed a major threat to public health in the fast-growing Asian nation.

"If China cannot swiftly reverse this dependency on coal and other fossil fuels in the near future... then it will be unable to solve the grave problem of air pollution threatening people's health," the environmental group said.

"China urgently needs to pursue a low-carbon sustainable development model," it added in a report released with the nation's Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

The world's second-largest economy -- which overtook Japan in the second quarter -- relies on coal for 70 percent of its fast-growing energy needs,

and therefore make the game a highly effective environment for students to analyze and take action in complex situations." The course is open to twenty students that have access to a Mac or PC, Internet access outside the school labs and experience playing the popular game.

### Tech brief

#### Microsoft Renames Windows Live Sync to Live Mesh, Ups Storage

Microsoft said this past weekend that it will rename Windows Live Sync to Windows Live Mesh, and raise Mesh's storage limit to 5 Gbytes of free cloud storage.

In June, Microsoft merged Windows Live Sync and Live Mesh into a single unit; now, the renamed combination will still be part of the Windows Live Essentials Microsoft enhanced earlier this month.

**HEALTH - LIVING****Low-Dose Omega-3 fatty acids don't protect heart patients**

Most heart patients who take low-dose omega-3 fatty acid supplements don't appear to gain any additional protection against further cardiac trouble, new Dutch research cautions.

In fact, neither low doses of docosahexaenoic acid (DHA) and eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), which are found in fish oil, nor of alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), derived from nuts and several vegetable oils, provided any benefit to the vast majority of heart patients, the study showed.

The scientists focused on patients who were already taking medications to control blood pressure, cholesterol and potential clotting. So, the researchers theorized that the poor performance of the supplements may simply reflect the overwhelming power of the medications.

In the study, researchers focused on a group of more than 4,800 Dutch heart attack patients between the ages of 60 and 80, slightly more than three-quarters of whom were men.

All had experienced a heart attack at some point in the decade leading up to the study, and all were taking blood pressure medications, anti-clotting drugs and statins.

At the study's start, the patients were instructed to consume (over a period lasting a little over three years) one of four different types of margarines: one supplemented with omega-3 fatty acids; one supplemented with the plant-derived ALA; one supplemented with both omega-3 fatty acids and ALA; and one with no supplements.

The amount of supplementation added to the various margarines was deemed to be "low-dose."

By the study's end, almost 14 percent of the heart attack patients had experienced another "major cardiovascular event," with some cases ending in death.

None of the low-dose supplements seemed to stave off such events in most of the patients. One exception appeared to be among women ingesting ALA; researchers saw a 27 percent reduction in the risk for further cardiac complications, although that reduction did not quite reach statistical significance.

Study author Daan Kromhout, from the division of human nutrition at Wa-

geningen University in the Netherlands said: "The bottom-line finding of the Alpha Omega Trial is that [omega]-3 fatty acids did not reduce the primary endpoint major cardiovascular events," noting that the ALA finding needs further confirmation.

Dr. Murray A. Mittleman, director of the cardiovascular epidemiology research unit at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center at Harvard Medical School in Boston, said he was "not that surprised by these results."

"Other studies have shown no benefit from omega-3, other than specifically protecting against cardiac death linked to arrhythmia among patients who have just survived a heart attack," Mittleman noted. It is during this acute post-attack period, he explained, when patients are most vulnerable to a subsequent event.

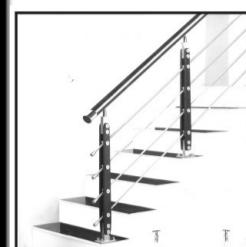
"But here, in some cases the patients they looked at are years following their first heart attack when they start taking these supplements," he stressed. "So, that's a big difference in what kind of patient they're examining. And they're also not just looking at preventable fatalities but all heart-related events that follow. And on top of that, the supplement doses they use here are very low, much lower than those used in prior studies."

"So it might be big differences in study design that account for this new finding," Mittleman cautioned. "In any case, I would say this is absolutely worth further investigation."

Dr. Gregg C. Fonarow, a professor of cardiology at the University of California, Los Angeles, agreed.

"It is possible that improvements in other treatments for heart attack patients have made fish oil supplementation less important for reducing cardiovascular risk," he acknowledged. "But it's also possible that the different dosing used in this study relative to previous work made a difference in the outcome. The dosing here may have been just too low, whereas higher doses given immediately following an initial heart attack might have been protective."

"So I would say," Fonarow added, "that this is by no means the final word regarding omega-3s and cardiovascular health."

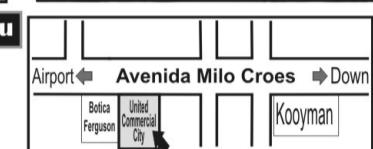
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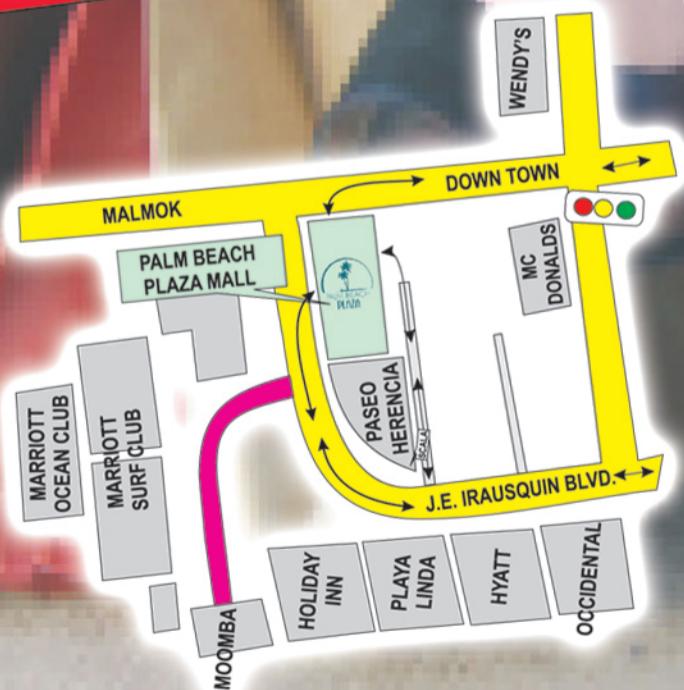
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# FPNC continues their food drive with a festive collection day with Post Aruba



Organizers Jennifer Kock (L) and Claudie Wegdam with Aruba Militia



Volunteers from all walks of life dedicating their time to helping the needy



Volunteers sort donations and prepare snacks

Fundacion Pa Nos Comunidad, FPNC, continued their efforts to provide for needy families and stock their warehouse with a food collection day this past Saturday, August 28. Dozens of volunteers, including members of the Aruba Militia, dedicated their afternoon to those less fortunate in the parking lot of the main branch of Post Aruba in Oranjestad as part of the "Yes We Can" campaign to feed the vulnerable families.

Aside from accepting donations of dried and canned food-stuffs, volunteers offered up a menu of favorite snack food and barbecue, encouraging visitors to further contribute with their purchase of a meal or refreshments. Donation boxes were strategically placed, as were volunteers who signed up those arriving for the monthly donation plan.

FPNC had set up a program allowing individuals to contribute anywhere from 5 Aru-

ban florins monthly to whatever they feel they can afford, automatically deducted from their paychecks.

Claudie Wegdam, Project Coordinator of FPNC and Jennifer Kock, Head of Philately and Marketing for Post Aruba, organized the day after their highly successful clothing, furniture and house ware collection in January. The foundation maintains a warehouse in Ponton 36F for families in need providing such items to those who cannot afford them, but they now are focused on also feeding these families as well.

"This is the real challenge," stated Claudie, "getting the support we need to see that no child in Aruba goes hungry."

Donations are accepted at the warehouse every Tuesday; for more information regarding their work or how you can help vulnerable families on Aruba, call 732 1972 or visit their website: <http://www.fpn-caruba.com/cms/>

by Rosalie Klein

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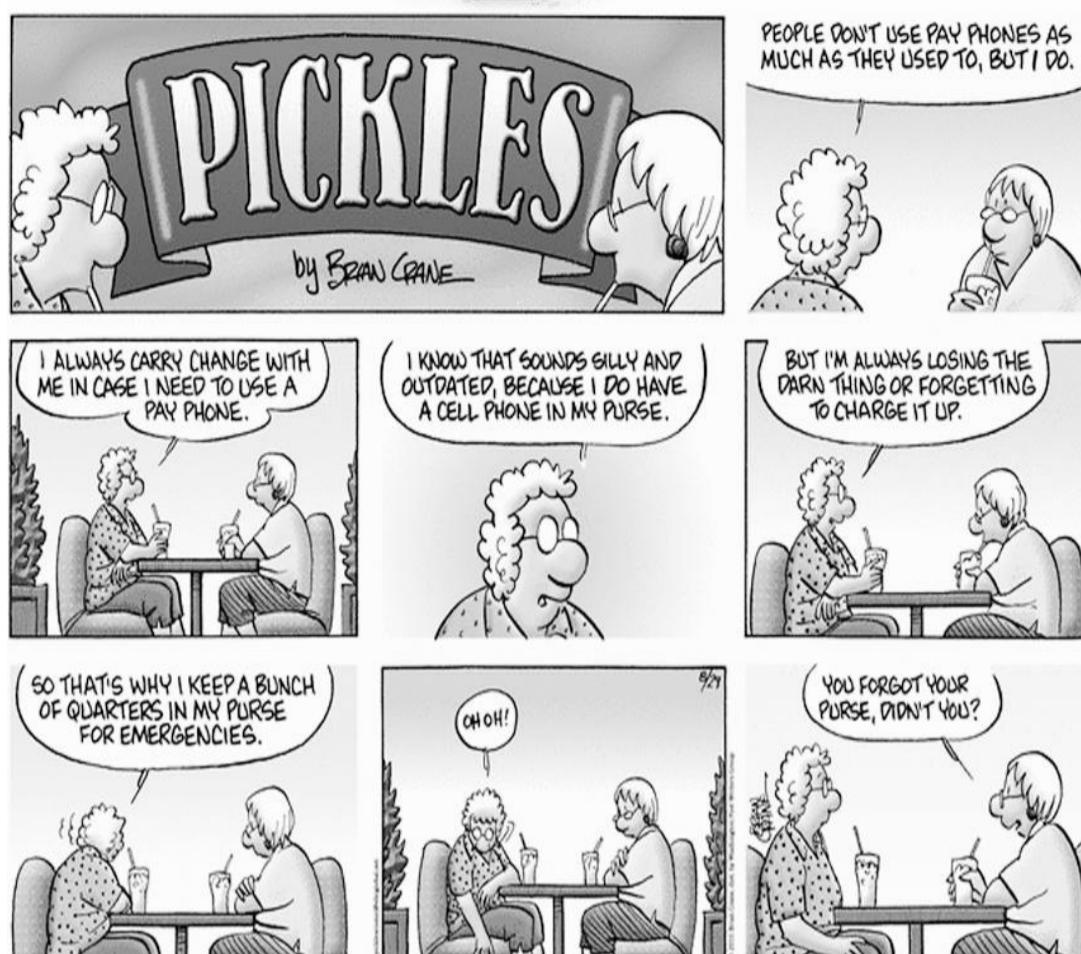
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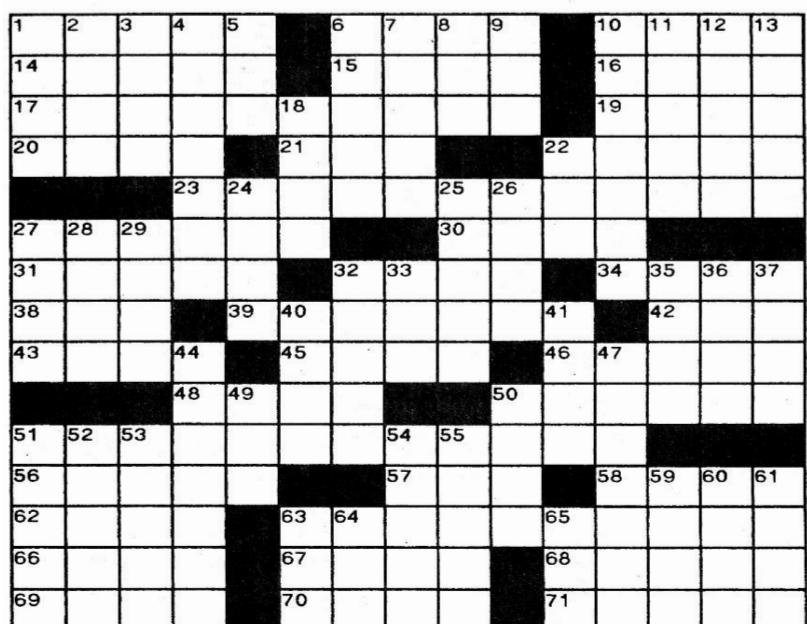
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- 6. Con game
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- 14. Lessen
- 15. Young boys
- 16. Chalcedony
- 17. Beatles' Rita et al.: 2 wds.
- 19. Egyptian river
- 20. Entreaty
- 21. Melody
- 22. Thespian
- 23. Byron poem: 3 wds.
- 27. Large cave
- 30. Pollster Roper
- 31. Forrestall
- 32. Metric weight
- 34. Bridge
- 38. Marsh
- 39. More piquant
- 42. Gold: Sp.
- 43. Goddess of discord
- 45. God of war
- 46. Dark
- 48. Exchange premium
- 50. Ahchoo!
- 51. Vessel's debut: 2 wds.
- 56. Got up
- 57. Canine
- 58. Haul
- 62. Actress Foch
- 63. Unwed woman: 2 wds.
- 66. Lyrical



67. Fashion magazine  
 68. Started  
 69. Take heed  
 70. Celt  
 71. Resource

**DOWN**

- 1. Lantern
- 2. First victim
- 3. Glut
- 4. Soft-shell clam
- 5. Bard's above
- 6. Sedate
- 7. Capital of Egypt
- 8. Annex
- 9. Authors' submissions: abbr.
- 10. Spanish cloaks
- 11. Merge
- 12. Marking post
- 13. Firers
- 18. Principal
- 22. Isotope weight: abbr.
- 24. \_\_\_\_\_ and sciences
- 25. Cat genus
- 26. Century plant
- 27. Bistro
- 28. Allege
- 29. I came: Latin
- 32. Leningrad ballet
- 33. Rink surface
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- 36. Grand Canyon State: abbr.
- 37. Memo
- 40. Charley horse
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- 49. Golly!
- 50. Sausage herb
- 51. Estate house
- 52. Take for: 2 wds.
- 53. Column style
- 54. "Swan Lake" impostor
- 55. Swiss song
- 59. Tatters
- 60. Together, in music: 2 wds.
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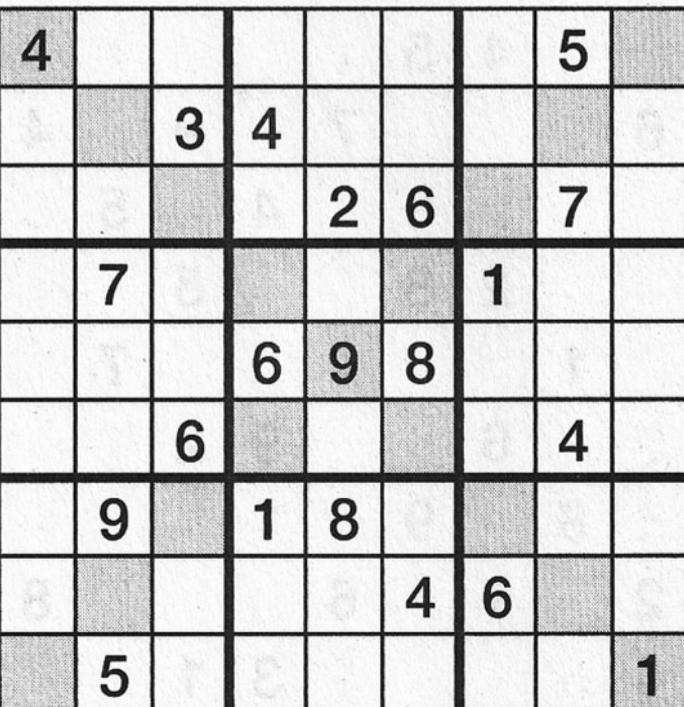
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## Report: Buffett has eyes on British insurance business

LONDON, England (AFP) - US billionaire Warren Buffett is interested in buying Royal Bank of Scotland's insurance business Direct Line, a report said yesterday.

Spiralling claims from car accidents have led to heavy losses at RBS's insurance arm and the bank has brought in a team of advisors to help sell the business, according to the Sunday Times.

RBS -- which is 83-percent state-owned after being bailed out by the British government -- has been ordered by the European Commission to sell Direct Line to fall into line with

## Kuwait posts 22.4 billion dollars budget surplus

KUWAIT CITY, Kuwait (AFP) - OPEC member Kuwait posted a budget surplus of 22.4 billion dollars in the past fiscal year on the back of strong oil revenues, an economic report said yesterday, citing official figures.

It is the third largest windfall in the Gulf state's history and its 11th consecutive year of budget surpluses, which have allowed Kuwait to accumulate 145 billion dollars in public revenues, according to calculations based on official figures.

The oil-rich emirate posted actual revenues of 61.5 billion dollars in the fiscal year that ended on March 31, up 119 percent on budget projections of 28.1 billion dollars, Al-Shall

competition rules.

Berkshire Hathaway, the investment vehicle owned by Buffett, is among a clutch of potential bidders interested in the business, the Sunday Times reported. US insurer Allstate has also expressed an interest, it was claimed.

RBS would not comment on speculation over potential buyers, but did confirm it had engaged a team of advisers to see through the sale.

Direct Line was being lined up for a stock market flotation, but the significant losses made by the business are thought to have derailed the plan.

Economic Consultants said, citing finance ministry figures. However, the figure is down on the record 2008-2009 income of 72.3 billion dollars due to a drop in oil prices and lower output because of OPEC quotas.

Actual spending after end-of-year accounting adjustments hit 39.1 billion dollars, lower than budget projections of 42.1 billion dollars and spending in the previous year of 63.6 billion dollars.

Kuwait's oil income last year -- which formed almost 94 percent of public revenues -- reached 57.6 billion dollars, compared to 68.1 billion dollars the previous year, and up from 24.1 billion dollars estimated in the 2009-2010 budget.

## Expert: Markets to focus on ECB credit measures this week

FRANKFURT, Germany (AFP) - Financial markets will be keen to hear this week if the European Central Bank plans changes to its exceptional measures to underpin lending amid mixed signals on the global economy.

The ECB's main interest rate will likely stay locked in at a record low of 1.0 percent Thursday as the central bank releases its latest forecasts for growth and inflation in the 16-nation bloc.

The bank "has absolutely no reason to raise interest rates," Capital Economics senior European economist Jennifer McKeown said.

Eurozone inflation stood at 1.7 percent in July, comfortably below the ECB's target of just under 2.0 percent, and should edge lower in August owing to cheaper energy costs compared with a year ago.

The ECB's headline interest rate is identical to that of the

Bank of Japan, while the Bank of England's benchmark rate is 0.50 percent and the US Federal Reserve has kept its Fed funds rate at virtually zero.

Back in the eurozone, although Germany saw record growth in the second quarter and the region as a whole did better than Japan or the United States, countries on the periphery seemed to be falling behind.

The Greek economy contracted further, Portuguese and Spanish recoveries remained timid and Ireland's downgraded sovereign credit rating reminded investors the battle against deficit and debt was not over.

"Debt fears are back in European government bond markets," Barclays Capital economist Thorsten Polleit said.

The price that peripheral countries must pay to borrow money has widened again compared with benchmark

German bonds and a controversial ECB program to buy sovereign debt slipped back into low gear last week after coming almost to a halt.

Household credit conditions are improving however and consumer confidence is getting stronger as labour markets improve, but corporate lending remains tight and business activity lost a bit of momentum in August.

A eurozone purchasing managers' index (PMI), a survey of 4,500 companies compiled by the data and research group Markit, fell slightly from its level in July and economists say Europe will soon feel the effects of slowing economies elsewhere.

Against that uncertain backdrop, analysts expect the ECB to raise its current 2010 growth forecast of 1.0 percent but are divided with respect to what the bank's outlook for next year will be.

## Zara takes the plunge into crowded online market

MADRID, Spain (AFP) - Europe's largest clothing retailer, Spain's Inditex, is taking its flagship Zara brand online, but it can expect stiff competition from other giants of high-street fashion already well-established in cyberspace.

Zara's virtual boutique will be available on Thursday in selected European markets: Spain, Germany, France, Italy, Portugal and Britain.

From 2011, it will be expanded to the United States, Japan and South Korea. But it will enter an already crowded sector, where its main rivals in low-cost fashion have been op-

erating for years.

US retailer Gap, which has been online in the US since 1997, expanded the service to 55 countries on August 16.

Sweden's H&M, Europe's second-largest clothing retailer, has been selling online since 1998 in seven countries, including Germany, and plans to move into another major market, Britain, on September 16.

Zara's late entry to the market may be a surprise, but it may also have anticipated a boom in cyberspace clothes shopping.

Clothing sales represented just 2.5 percent of online com-

merce in Spain last year, and 5.6 percent in France, according to industry experts in these countries.

Another high-street brand, Mango, has been online since 2009, but receives only about 1.0 percent of its revenues in this way.

Gap has performed better, pulling in 1.1 billion dollars in online sales last year, or 7.7 percent of its total.

But a recent poll by the Nielsen institute in 55 countries showed that clothes are now the second most popular products online, after airline tickets but before books.

## Putin opens Russian section of Siberian-Pacific oil pipeline

MOSCOW, Russia (AFP) - Prime Minister Vladimir Putin yesterday opened the Russian section of a long-awaited oil pipeline that will carry Russian crude to China in a bid to diversify its oil exports away from Europe.

"The Russian part of the project is completed," Putin said at an opening ceremony in Skovorodino in the Far Eastern Amur region in comments published on his official web site.

The branch pipeline will ultimately transport crude oil from Siberia to refineries in the northeastern Chinese city of Daqing.

"For us this is an important

project because we are beginning to diversify the supply of our energy resources," Putin said.

"Up to now, the main supplies have been delivered to our European partners. And still today our European partners get around 120-130 million tons of Russian oil. This is already noticeable competition with the European route."

The pipeline will initially carry 30 million tons of oil a year to the energy-hungry Asia-Pacific region and will later build up to 50 million tons, Putin said.

The Chinese side still needs to build 930 kilometres on its

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# Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history



house complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

ing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their



and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning club-

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.



vestment.

The design of the structures is open, airy and spacious, fully deploying the island environment, with the finest quality construction and finish-

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## Great deals to be found on fine and costume jewelry at Larry's



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We were also taken with an entire showcase full of a personal favorite, Australian opal jewelry; the fiery blue stones have a texture and drama that imparts a singular beauty. We noticed Larry had a very large selection of animal themed pieces, adorable and appealing.

Sales girls were particularly enthusiastic about the Lauren G. Adams designs; beautiful cloisonné charms, necklaces, bracelets and rings that are infinitely affordable.

Gentleman, show the woman you love she has a lock on your heart with their inlaid and sculpted key pendent collection, or construct a custom made charm bracelet both eye-catching and whimsical. Color coordinated collections and reasonable prices allow one to create an entire ensemble. The charming jewelry makes very nice accessories for today's fashionable black dress, adding an individual tropical touch to the somber color that is presently required evening wear.

Larry's has a large selection and great deals, so if you are shopping for that special person or yourself, their collection is definitely worth a look.



Australian Opal single dolphin

Tucked away on the Havenstraat in Oranjestad, just behind the Renaissance Mall, is a friendly little shop offering fabulous deals on his collection of fine precious and semi-precious pieces, and they are the Aruban home of the cute and quirky Lauren G. Adams designer jewelry.

A team from THE MORNING NEWS went to take a look, and we were very impressed with the prices offered on Mallorca Pearls- "the affordable treasure" which have a luster and luminosity that

## In Venice, Rwanda highlights traditional designs



Projects from Rwanda on display at the Venice architectural Biennale. Rwanda is shining the spotlight on the use of traditional techniques and materials in design and architecture (AFP)



VENICE, Italy (AFP) – Rwanda, a first-time presence at the Venice architectural Biennale, is shining the spotlight on the use of traditional techniques and materials in design and architecture.

The strategy is seen as an essential way to safeguard traditional culture and national identity in the nation traumatised by the 1994 genocide.

Rwanda's modest exhibition at the Biennale opening Sunday shows how centuries-old weaving techniques and natural fibres can be used to create necklaces or shoes, how ash and cow dung can decorate modern walls and how alternatives to paper can be used in handmade books.

"Today, before we throw away vegetable fibres we have to think again," Josephine Malonza of the Kigali Institute of Science and Technology told a seminar Saturday at Rwanda's pavilion.

The featured speaker at the seminar, prominent Burkina Faso architect Francis Kere, accused the North of "putting us under pressure by saying that what we have is primitive."

Africans have alternatives to air-conditioning, and mud is a material that is perfectly adapted to the African situation, he said. "There's no insurance (against damage or destruction). People just band together and in seven days they will rebuild" a mud structure ruined by rain, Kere said.

While Rwanda wants to preserve natural building techniques, Czech architect Martin Rajnis wants to import them from poor countries, picking up ideas from travels to the "third and even the fourth world, among the native people untouched by civilisation."

Rajnis has developed a vision dubbed Natural Archi-

tecture based on the natural world of indigenous peoples, plants and animals.

He masterminded the Czech and Slovak pavilion, which draws the visitor in under a canopy of randomly arranged pine planks.

Inside is an installation entirely in unfinished wood taking the visitor along walkways and past multi-layered creations, some twisting into spirals, others formed into cones and domes inspired by natural forms.

Claiming that "architecture is undergoing a crisis," Rajnis says modern buildings "no longer satisfy people. It is necessary to start to create differently: instead of design and aesthetics to take inspiration from the deeper laws of nature."

Light years away from natural building materials is the acrylic meshwork fitted with microprocessors and sensors that the Biennale visitor will find at Canada's pavilion.

The highly interactive installation is a futuristic artificial forest in which visitors can touch the shimmering, lightweight structures, which respond by changing shape and position.

The project titled "Hylozoic Ground" after an ancient belief that all matter has life is geared towards "responsive architecture" -- the next wave for smart buildings.

Fifty-three countries have pavilions at this year's Biennale, which runs until November 21.



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## 'The Last Exorcism,' reflects a 'deeply divided' America



**Producer Eli Roth**

LOS ANGELES (AFP) – The latest horror film variation on insanity and the possessed, "The Last Exorcism" also aims to reflect a "deeply divided" America where people no longer listen to one another, producer Eli Roth says.

Neither a sequel nor a remake of William Friedkin's unsurpassed 1973 classic "The Exorcist," German director Daniel Stamm's film which opened Friday in US theaters follows in the footsteps of the Reverend Cotton Marcus (Patrick Fabian) in Louisiana.

A charismatic and cunning preacher, Marcus doesn't believe one bit in the devil but has no scruples "exorcising" those who think they are possessed, so long as he gets a thick wad of greenbacks in exchange.

His conscience finally catches up with him and Marcus is about to hang up his robe when he decides to first perform the ultimate exorcism before the cameras of a team of documentarians.

What he discovers in treating Nell Sweetzer (Ashley Bell) will shake his very notions of good and evil.

Roles here are reversed: the preacher is a staunch backer of science and medi-

cine, recommending that Nell undergo psychotherapy, while her father is persuaded that the devil is behind his daughter's incomprehensible behavior.

"The father and the reverend, all they want to do is help the child. But it's their inability to see the other's point of view at all, to even one tiny degree, that ultimately provokes everybody's downfall," Roth told AFP.

"Each side becomes so unwilling to listen to what the others have to say, so completely convinced that they are correct. It's all about yelling as loud as they can, just to speak over the other person."

The producer of Stamm's film sees a parallel between the father-reverend relationship and the highly polarized field of US politics and the "gridlock" between Democrats and Republicans.

"America is a deeply divided country. On one side, the people are very, very religious; on the other side, they just believe in science," said Roth.

"The film is about the clash between science and religion, and neither side being able to see the other's point of view, not to one degree."

# Robben could miss rest of 2010, says Bayern boss



BERLIN (AFP) - Dutch winger Arjen Robben could be out for the rest of the year as he struggles to recover from a thigh injury he picked up at the World Cup, his club Bayern Munich said on Sunday.

Robben, 26, picked up the injury playing for the Netherlands before last month's World Cup finals and although he played a big part in helping the Dutch get to the final, he has aggravated the injury and now needs complete rest.

"It is more than questionable whether Arjen will be able to play for us in the Bun-

desliga's round of matches before Christmas," Bayern's director of sport Christian Nerlinger told German daily Bild on Sunday.

After playing with the injury at the World Cup, Robben made the problem worse, which Bayern are far from happy about and are seeking compensation from the Dutch Football Association.

Bayern slumped to their first competitive defeat of the season on Friday when they were shocked 2-0 at Kaiserslautern on Friday night in the Bundesliga and they had hoped to have Robben back by October, but it could be much longer.

**Weekend Results in the Bundesliga:**

Bayer Leverkusen **3** (Derdiyok 24, Vidal 58-pen, Kiessling 70) Borussia Moenchengladbach **6** (Hermann 20, 44, Brouwers 40, Arango 56, Idrissou 60, Reus 69).

**Saturday:** Schalke 04 **1** (Jones 82) Hanover **96** **2** (Rausch 31, Abdellaoue 49) Werder Bremen **4** (Frings

## Aloha Bridge Club Aruba (ABC) game results

**RESULTS THURSDAY, AUGUST 26**  
A total of 9 pairs joined the bridge session at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club Resort.

The results 50% and higher are as follows:

1. Stascha Hormix / Geke In 't Veld 63.23%

2. Annette Ybeles / Joke Henriquez 55.33%

3. Ghislaine Mendes / Iola Tjin-Tham-Sjin 54.38%

4. Willy Flanegin/Maritza van Romondt 53.25%

5. Edith Henriquez/Sheila Lampe 52.05%

**RESULTS FRIDAY, AUGUST 27**

A total of 20 bridge players joined the bridge session at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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Willy Flanegin 56.67%  
3. Maylene and Fred Koopman 53.39%

4. Fred van der Leest/Chris Joosten 52.34%  
5. Kathy Yarzagray/Iola Tjin-Tham-Sjin 52.24%

Aloha Bridge Club Aruba meets twice a week: on Thursday mornings at the Members Lounge of the Aruba Beach Club, starting at 9.00 am and on Friday evenings at the Frank Conway Room of Casa del Mar starting at 7.30 pm. Signing up closes ten minutes before starting time. Fee for guest players: \$ 6.00 or Afl. 10.00 per person.

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33-pen, Arnautovic 36, 90+1, Hugo Almeida 74) Cologne **2** (Podolski 37, McKenna 90+3); VfL Wolfsburg **3** (Dzeko 23, 28, Diego 30) Mainz 05 **4** (Rasmussen 39, Soto 48, Schuerle 58, Szalai 85); Eintracht Frankfurt **1** (Ochs 37) Hamburg **3** (Mathijssen 61, van Nistelrooy 81, Guerrero 89); Nuremberg **1** (Schieber 15) Freiburg **2** (Cisse 40, 52); St. Pauli **0** Hoffenheim **1** (Vorsah 87)

**Friday:**

Kaiserslautern **2** (Ilicic 36, Lakic 37) Bayern Munich **0**

**LONDON (AFP) -** Pakistan captain Salman Butt insisted he would not be resigning



Salman Butt

after being implicated in an alleged betting scam.

Britain's News of the World newspaper claimed it paid 150,000 pounds (230,000 dollars, 185,000 euros) to a middle man in return for details about the timing of three no-balls in the fourth Test at Lord's.

That ended Sunday in vic-

## Harrington, Donald, Molinari get Ryder Cup wildcards

**GLENNEAGLES (AFP) -** Europe's Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie on Sunday selected triple major winner Padraig Harrington, Luke Donald and Edoardo Molinari as his three wildcard picks for the clash against the United States at Celtic Manor on October 1-3.

The three join automatic qualifiers Lee Westwood, Rory McIlroy, Martin Kaymer, Graeme McDowell, Ian Poulter, Ross Fisher, Francesco Molinari, Miguel Angel Jimenez and Peter Hanson in the European squad.

Montgomerie's decision means Paul Casey and Justin Rose will not be part of Europe's bid to win back the Ryder Cup.

Harrington, Casey, Donald and Rose chose to stay in America in the last two weeks when returning to Eu-



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## Butt refuses to resign after fix 'probe'

tory for England by an innings and 225 runs - Pakistan's heaviest Test defeat of all time.

The report alleged Pakistan seamers Mohammad Aamer - the tourists' man of the series - and Mohammad Asif delivered the blatant no-balls at the exact points in the match agreed with the alleged fixer, who it was also suggested by the paper, was in contact with Butt.

Butt who inherited the captaincy after Shahid Afridi quit Test cricket following Pakistan's 150-run loss to Australia at Lord's last month, was in defiant mood.

The 25-year-old batsman, pointed out how under his leadership, Pakistan had bounced back to draw 1-1 against Australia and beaten England at The Oval last week before defeat at Lord's meant a four-match series was lost 3-1.

"Pakistan has won a Test match against Australia for the first time in 15 years and against England for the first time in nine years," Butt said.

"Does that make me resign from this current situation?"

Saeed added: "I don't think you should ask if someone will resign on allegations. Let's wait until the case is complete."

Meanwhile, Butt said: "Anybody can stand out and say anything about you, that doesn't make them true."

Butt insisted his team had given their all throughout.

"Definitely we have tried our best. It's just that the conditions have been difficult for the batsmen and remember this is a very inexperienced team, especially the batting.

"These guys are young with the least experience and in these difficult conditions they might struggle."

## Harrington, Donald, Molinari get Ryder Cup wildcards

rope's Challenge Tour last season, also staked his claims by winning the Dunlop Phoenix title in Japan and the Scottish Open at Loch Lomond - as well as coming second to Ernie Els in the US Tour's Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Harrington's candidacy was boosted by being the only three-time major winner amongst the players.

Against him, though, was the fact that he did not win a game either in the defeat two years ago or the nine-point victory at The K Club in 2006.

The biggest pluses for Donald, who missed the last match following wrist surgery, were that he has lost only one of seven Ryder Cup games, has a perfect four wins out of four in foursomes, was third at Celtic Manor in June's Wales Open and was ranked 10th in the world.



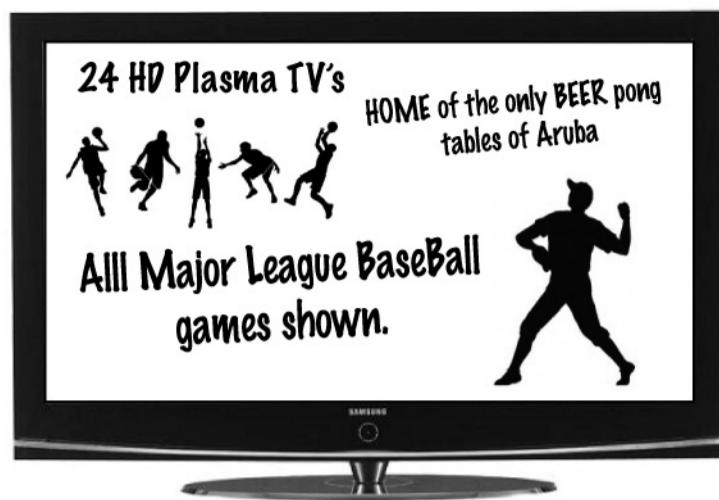
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## Birthday boy Roddick hopes to unwrap US Open title



NEW YORK (AFP) – Andy Roddick always starts a US Open with a reminder that time is ticking on his chances to win another Grand Slam title.

This year, his 28th birthday comes Monday on the first day of the year's final Grand Slam tournament, but he hopes the biggest party comes on the last day at Arthur Ashe Stadium as it did when he won his only Slam there in 2003.

"The urgency is always there. Birthday or no birthday, you come in trying to win one," Roddick said. "I don't think too much about age, number, whatever. I'll play until I feel like I shouldn't anymore."

Roddick has lost four Grand Slam finals, all to Roger Federer, since taking the US Open title seven years ago in his first Grand Slam

championship match.

The top-ranked American lost the 2006 US Open final and dropped three Wimbledon finals, most recently last year after an epic 16-14 fifth set, the longest in any Grand Slam final.

This year, Roddick made a shocking fourth-round Wimbledon exit and it was not until earlier this month that doctors diagnosed he was suffering from mononucleosis and might have been weakened by it as far back as May. "Some days were a lot worse than others," Roddick said. "I got back from Wimbledon and was trying to do some track work. I had two or three in a row where it just felt off."

"It was frustrating. Had me wondering. Am I out of shape? What's the deal? Kind of just tried to plow through it. At a certain point we had to just cover our bases and

see what was going on."

After a third-round exit at Washington, Roddick was examined and pulled out of Toronto. He was doubtful for the last major US Open tuneup at Cincinnati but played and made a run to the semi-finals that bolstered his US Open confidence.

"I feel OK," Roddick said. "I think I will be OK. Definitely better all the time."

### UFC boss White: "No more boxing" after Toney's UFC 118 loss

BOSTON – You can call it the end of an era.

Granted, that era lasted all of 3 minutes and 19 seconds, but it's still over.

After James Toney (0-1 MMA, 0-1 UFC) was forced to tap out (or wave out, if you choose to be technical) in the first round of his UFC 118 contest with Randy Couture on Saturday night at Boston's TD Garden, White said he's done with boxers making their way to the organization – no matter who it is.

"I thought we answered this question in 1993, but James came out and he picked a fight," White said. "We answered the question again in 2010. I don't think it needs to be answered again. I don't care if it's (Floyd) Mayweather or anybody else."

Toney, of course, is one of boxing's all-time greats. But at 43 years old and 70 pounds heavier than he was at the time his illustrious prizefighting career began.

But White says he's not even interested in hiring a top boxer in his prime because single-disciplined fighters simply can't win in MMA.



ISTANBUL (AFP) - USA showed off their talent in depth once again on Sunday when they cleared their bench in a 99-77 victory over Slovenia at the world basketball championships.

The US started strongly, developing a big lead early on that they would hold onto for the rest of the match.

With the Americans shutting out Slovenia's main scoring option Goran Dragic (seven points), Slovenia struggled early to find another shooting option as the US raced out to a 32-11 lead by the end of the opening quarter.

Slovenia fought back in the second period, assisted in no small part by their big man Primoz Brezec who began to muscle up on defense (five points, three rebounds), halting the flow of

easy layups for the Americans.

He was also a popular offensive weapon for the Slovenians, using his size under the hoop.

However, they didn't panic, and through some strong shooting from Kevin Durant, who led all scoring with 15 for the half, they were able to continue to build their advantage to take a 42-28 lead into half-time.

Durant would go on to finish the encounter with a game-high 22 points.

Like their Saturday opener, USA turned it on for the crowd in the final quarter as four of their players went on to join Durant in double figures (Tyson Gay 16, Iguoala 11, Russel Westbrook 11 and Kevin Love 10).

But unlike Croatia who folded 106-78 to the US on Saturday, Slovenia matched the US tempo, pouring on 31 points to America's final quarter 32.

USA will again be on court on Monday when they meet fellow Group B heavyweights Brazil.

Other results on Sunday:

#### Group A

Jordan 79 Angola 65

#### Group B

USA 99 Slovenia 77

#### Group C

China 83 Ivory Coast 73

#### Group D

Lithuania 70 Canada 68



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